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NOT FOR PUBLICATION  
UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS  
FOR THE NINTH CIRCUIT

**CATHY A. CATTERSON**  
**U.S. COURT OF APPEALS**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff - Appellee,

v.

IKECHUKWU OPARA,

Defendant - Appellant.

No. 98-10474

D.C. No. CR-97-40043-CW

ORDER\*

Appeal from the United States District Court  
for the Northern District of California  
Claudia Wilken, District Judge, Presiding

Submitted June 9, 2003\*\*  
San Francisco, California

Before: HILL,\*\* T.G. NELSON, and HAWKINS, Circuit Judges.

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\*\* This panel unanimously finds this case suitable for decision without oral argument. FED. R. APP. P. 34(a)(2).

\*\*\* The Honorable James C. Hill, Senior United States Circuit Judge for the Eleventh Circuit, sitting by designation.

Ikechukwu Opara's appeal is DISMISSED. He failed to raise the issues he now seeks to appeal before the district court and has therefore waived them.<sup>1</sup>

IT IS SO ORDERED.

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<sup>1</sup> See *United States v. Beierle*, 77 F.3d 1199, 1201 (9th Cir. 1996).